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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. P1388CIP1  
 First Inventor Steve G. Sanchez  
 Title A Fifth-Wheel Latch-Release Apparatus  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 14]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
    - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Attorney (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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of prior application No. 10/223,915

Prior application information:

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Group Art Unit:

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1002	2002	330	165	Design filing fee	
1003	2003	520	260	Plant filing fee	
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1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					375.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	10	-20** =	0	X 9	= 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-3** =	0	X 42	= 0.00
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1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	140		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	84	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1061	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1062	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1063	1053	130	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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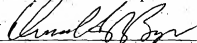
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